



Contact: Bill Crabtree
Telephone: (919) 554-6196
Email: bcrabtree@wakeforestnc.gov

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

**FORMER DUBOIS CENTER DIRECTOR
CHARGED WITH EMBEZZLEMENT**

WAKE FOREST, NC – July 18, 2006 – [Wake Forest Police](#) have charged Bettie Murchison, former executive director of the DuBois Center, with the embezzlement of the alumni association's funds totaling over \$169,000.

The Wake Forest Police Department began a four-month investigation in April after DuBois Alumni Association President Lawrence Perry filed a complaint alleging fraud against Murchison. Murchison had been employed by the Dubois Center from 1993 until February 2006 when she resigned citing differences with the board of directors over the direction of programs at the center.

Murchison was taken into custody in Wake Forest early Tuesday afternoon and transported to the Wake County Public Safety Center in Raleigh for processing. She is being held under \$200,000 cash bond. In addition to the charge of embezzlement, Murchison is also charged with felony conversion of property.

For more information, contact Lt. [Trent Coleman](#) at (919) 554-6156.

###

For more information on the Town of Wake Forest, contact [Bill Crabtree](#), Communications Specialist, at (919) 554-6196.